

"Be Me"  
Black Alley

## Activity Summary



This worksheet includes the lyrics for "Be Me" by Black Alley. Students watch the video and fill in the missing words.

## Associated Video



"Be Me" - Black Alley (5'43")

[thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley](http://thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley)

## Lesson Plan



1. Print the second page of this activity for all students.
2. Visit [thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley](http://thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley) and watch the video "Be Me."
3. Ask students to take 1-2 minutes to look at the song lyrics before listening.
4. Play the song and ask students to change the underlined words into the slang or shortened words they hear in the song. You can choose to provide your students with a word bank. (Ex. Trying to → trynna)
5. Put students into groups of 2-3 to check answers.
6. Project the lyrics gap-fill sheet on the board, and ask students to come to the board to fill in the missing words, or list the numbers on the board and ask students to write the answers for each number.

## Less Challenging



Require only one word to identify, stop the video when the word is said, or play only a section of the video.

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Fill out the worksheet from memory, fill in the blanks out of order, or complete the worksheet vocally.

## Online Tip



This activity can be easily replicated online. Put students into breakout rooms to check their answers in small groups, and ask students to write their answer for each number in the chat box, or by saying the word aloud.

## Key

1. climin' 2. trynna 3. 'cuz 4. gotta 5. 'cuz 6. ain't 7. gotta 8. you gon' 9. you gon' 10. you gon' 11. gon' 12. 'cause 13. gon' 14. gon' 15. gon' 16. gon'

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Lyrics

Been climbing 1. \_\_\_\_\_ up here for a while  
Just been trying to 2. \_\_\_\_\_ change somehow  
because 3. \_\_\_\_\_ I'm not really who you need me to be  
But I learned sometimes it's just got to 4. \_\_\_\_\_ be me  
It may be hard to take because 5. \_\_\_\_\_ you are not  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ used to seeing me this way

I'm free from your perception. No longer need acceptance.  
Right now it's got to 7. \_\_\_\_\_ be about me  
I know I'm not perfect, but who is? But I know that I'm worth it, but who gives a  
perfect performance? And who lives for your endorsement? Not me. Not me  
anymore.

May not like what you hear now, but you are going to 8. \_\_\_\_\_ feel me,  
you are going to 9. \_\_\_\_\_ feel me  
May not like what you see now. It's the real me, it's the real me.  
You already know who I am: it's exposed.  
Are you going to 10. \_\_\_\_\_ stay or let it go?  
Either way I'm still going to 11. \_\_\_\_\_ be me  
I'm starting all over. I'm running my own show  
because 12. \_\_\_\_\_ all I really want to be is for me  
With no map. Just me on the open road.

[Chorus]

May not like what you hear now, but you are going to 13. \_\_\_\_\_ feel me,  
you are going to 14. \_\_\_\_\_ feel me  
May not like what you see now. It's the real me, it's the real me.  
You already know who I am: it's exposed.  
Are you going to 15. \_\_\_\_\_ stay or let it go  
Either way I'm still going to 16. \_\_\_\_\_ be me.